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REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL TIME TO FILE APPEAL BRIEF

Applicant, NCI Group, Inc., hereby moves for a one-month extension of time to file its Appeal Brief as requested by the Board. If this motion is granted, the new deadline for submitting the Appeal Brief will be September 29, 2014, as the actual 30th day, i.e., September 28, 2014 falls on a Sunday.

In support of its motion, Applicant represents that it is considering an amendment to the recitation of services that may render the appeal moot and key decision makers have been unavailable.

If the proposed amendments to the recitation of services are approved, Applicant will submit them with the Board and request that this matter be remanded back to the Examining Attorney's jurisdiction for further consideration. If accepted, Applicant's application will proceed to publication and this matter will be removed from the Board's docket. Accordingly,

this extension of time is not requested to further delay proceedings, but is requested in anticipation of placing Applicant's application in order for acceptance.

On the other hand, if the proposed amendments are not approved, Applicant will submit its Appeal Brief by the deadline.

In the event that this extension request is not granted, Applicant would respectfully request that it be allowed to file its Appeal Brief.

Respectfully submitted,

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